

# Transportation/Public Works

## Final Agenda

### Louisville Metro Council

**Meeting Date:** 05/16/2006

**Meeting Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** Third Floor, City Hall

**Chairs:** Tom Owen (8)

**Members:** Tom Owen (8)  
Vicki Welch (13)  
Robert Henderson (14)  
George Melton (15)  
Hal Heiner (19)  
Stuart Benson (20)  
Robin Engel (22)

**Special Items for Discussion:** Landfill Status - Bob Schindler, Solid Waste Management Systems

- 1 [R-247-11-05](#) A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE SOUTH LOUISVILLE GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING IN HONOR OF WILLIAM H. "BILL" WILSON. (tabled)  
[Sponsor\(s\)](#) [Transportation/Public Works](#)
- 2 [R-246-11-05](#) A RESOLUTION URGING THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO RE-EVALUATE LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S (LG&E) REQUEST FOR A NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE, AND DECLARING THE ENACTMENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AN EMERGENCY. (Tabled)  
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**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_ SERIES 2005**

**A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE SOUTH LOUISVILLE  
GOVERNMENT CENTER BUILDING IN HONOR OF  
WILLIAM H. "BILL" WILSON.**

**Sponsored By:** Council Members Julie Raque Adams, Stuart Benson, Ellen Call, Kelly Downard, Robin Engel, Ken Fleming, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Doug Hawkins, Hal Heiner, Bob Henderson, Dan Johnson, Jim King, Kevin Kramer, George Melton, James Peden, Barbara Shanklin, Glen Stuckel, David Tandy, Leonard Watkins, and Mary Woolridge

**WHEREAS,** William H. "Bill" Wilson dedicated his life as public servant and political leader in the Louisville Community; and

**WHEREAS,** working in the private sector, Bill Wilson distinguished himself as creative director of an advertising and public relations firm; and

**WHEREAS,** during Bill Wilson's tenure, the agency received the prestigious American Federation of Advertising "ADDY Award"; and

**WHEREAS,** Bill Wilson was called to public service as 9th Ward Alderman for fourteen years from 1982 to 1996; and

**WHEREAS,** as Alderman, Bill Wilson served the 9th Ward with dedication and compassion exemplified by his work on various neighborhood improvements in the Park DuValle area, creation of the neighborhood paint program and prescription drug program for the needy; and

**WHEREAS,** Bill Wilson served as Chair of the Louisville Board of Aldermen Appropriations Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** while serving as an Alderman, he further distinguished himself by serving as President of the Board of Aldermen for three consecutive terms; and

**WHEREAS**, though on March 18, 2003 Bill Wilson's life was completed, his memory and spirit lives on through the many lives he touched, including loving wife Sandy; daughters, Michelle, Melanie, Yvette, Toni and Lisa; eight grandchildren; one aunt; and a host of other relatives and friends.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section I:** In order to honor the memory of the former President of the Board of Alderman for the City of Louisville, the South Louisville Government Center Building at 2911 Taylor Blvd., Louisville, KY, is hereby named the "William H. 'Bill' Wilson South Louisville Government Center Building."

**Section II:** Henceforward, all signage and other written references produced by and for this building shall state this full name, or any abbreviation thereof, or may be shortened for convenience to the "Wilson Building."

**Section III:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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Kathleen J. Herron  
Metro Council Clerk

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Dr. Barbara E. Shanklin  
President of the Council

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Jerry E. Abramson  
Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Irv Maze  
Jefferson County Attorney

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2005**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO RE-EVALUATE LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S (LG&E) REQUEST FOR A NATURAL GAS RATE INCREASE, AND DECLARING THE ENACTMENT OF THIS RESOLUTION AN EMERGENCY.**

**Sponsored By:** Council Members Dan Johnson, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Leonard Watkins, Barbara Shanklin, Mary Woolridge, David Tandy, George Unseld, Tom Owen, Tina Ward-Pugh, Jim King, Rick Blackwell, Ron Weston, Bob Henderson, George Melton, and Madonna Flood

**WHEREAS,** LG&E has been granted permission by the Kentucky Public Service Commission to increase natural gas rates by 64 percent; and

**WHEREAS,** these rates are now the highest of the major natural gas providers in the state of Kentucky, and exceed the increases allowed to other Kentucky utilities by as much as 30 percent; and

**WHEREAS,** as an example of the effect of this increase, a typical residential customer with average usage of 8000 cubic feet per month (mcf) will pay \$143.96 for monthly energy costs, effective November 1, 2005, compared with a cost of \$87.85 per month, based on the rates for the same quarter one year ago; and

**WHEREAS,** Indiana Utilities which is based in Corydon, Indiana and located less than 30 miles from Louisville, was granted only a 20 percent rate increase by the Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** Indiana Utilities' average price for 1000 cubic feet (mcf) of natural gas after this 20 percent adjustment has increased to only \$13.55 per mcf; and

**WHEREAS,** LG&E's average price for 1000 cubic feet (mcf) of natural gas after its 64 percent adjustment has increased to \$15.41 per mcf; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisville Metro and Southern Indiana, which is located directly across the Ohio River and part of the Louisville metropolitan area, now have divergent energy costs; and

**WHEREAS**, having the highest natural gas rates in the region could hamper economic development efforts to attract new businesses and jobs to this community; and

**WHEREAS**, the increases approved for most utilities across the country do not approach the 64 percent approved for LG&E; and

**WHEREAS**, that LG&E will return any overcharge to customers in a future year through natural gas-price discounts may be of limited value to people who suffer a decrease in their present day quality of life due to an unjustified excessive rate increase; and

**WHEREAS**, that LG&E will return any overcharge to customers in a future year through natural gas-price discounts will be of no value to people who lose their homes, businesses, or lives due to an unjustified excessive rate increase; and

**WHEREAS**, if the rate increase is determined to be caused, in part, by unwise decision-making on the part of LG&E in the purchase of natural gas and natural gas futures, then the customers of LG&E should not solely bear the burden of excessive increases, but rather that burden should be shared by the company and its stockholders.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** The Kentucky Public Service Commission is urged to re-evaluate its approval of LG&E's rate increase request, based upon the lower price structure of other Kentucky and Indiana utilities, as well as the record of much smaller increases approved by other regulatory agencies across the country.

**SECTION II:** A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Kentucky Attorney General.

**SECTION III:** In recognition of the compelling need to assist with the impending home heating crisis and pursuant to Section 7.12 of the Rules of the Council, the enactment of this Resolution is deemed an emergency.

**SECTION IV:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

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Metro Council Clerk

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